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immunes from Cuba being detained on board for detention in San Juan. Forty pieces of baggage and 2 sacks of mail from Santo Domingo were disinfected, and 55 pieces from Cuba were inspected and passed. Three bills of health were issued during the week.

The sanitary condition of Ponce remains about the same. A large number of cases of la grippe are reported; a few are genuine cases of influenza, but the greater part are bad "colds" or catarrh, due to the warm days and cool nights and rainy weather.

Respectfully,

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[Inclosure.]

Number and causes of deaths in Ponce jurisdiction (city, playa, and surrounding country) during the month of September, 1901.

Diseases of—		Drowning	1
Digestive system	37	Wounds	2
Respiratory system	9	Retention of urine	1
Circulatory system	4	Rhachitis	3
Nervous system	3	Senile cachexiæ	4
Anæmia, malnutrition, inanition	12	Cancer of tongue	1
Malaria	7	Tetanus, infantile	2
Tuberculosis	10	Eclampsia	2
Hepatitis	2		
Hepatic cirrhosis	1	Total	101
Number of deaths reported during September, 1901 (a)			101
Number of deaths reported during September, 1900 (a)			500
Number of births reported during September, 1901 (a)			105
Number of births reported during September, 1900 (a)			87

a These figures are for the city proper, the playa, and surrounding district of Ponce.

Inspection of immigrants at Ponce during the week ended October 19, 1901.

PONCE, P. R., October 21, 1901.

SIR: Through the chief quarantine officer for Porto Rico, I submit herewith report of alien steerage passengers arriving at this port during the week ended October 19, 1901:

Date.	Vessel.	Where from.	No. of immigrants.
Oct. 17	French steamship St. Domingue	Port au Prince, Petit Goaive, Jeremie, Aux Cayes, Jacmel, Santo Domingo, and Mayaguez.	2
Do.....	Spanish steamship Ciudad de Cadiz..	Havana, Port Limon, Colon, Sabanilla, Puerto Cabello, and La Guayra.	3
Oct. 19	Provisional flag steamship Julia.	Havana, Nuevitas, Gibara, Baracoa, Santiago, Santo Domingo, and Macoris.	1
	Total		6

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